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DISASTER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether disaster management related systems as established in developed countries are also available in India;

(b) if so, whether the Government has any plan to set up such system in earthquake prone area of Jabalpur; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) : Necessary steps have been initiated to modernize the disaster management systems in the country to meet the disaster threats. Towards effective disaster management, Government of India is in process to set up a Disaster Management Authority. States have been advised to convert their Department of Relief and Rehabilitation into Department of Disaster Management so as to focus on mitigation and vulnerability reduction. Also, states in earthquake prone areas have been requested to review and amend their building bye-laws as per the requirement.

(b) & (c): As regard, setting up a system in earthquake prone area of Jabalpur, the action has to be initiated by the State Government.